Petrochemical Complex in Gujarat

326. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any application for setting up of a petrochemical complex in Gujarat in public sector, joint sector or private sector is pending clearance of his Ministry; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) at what stage the clearance is pending and by when it will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Some applications for the setting up of a petrochemical complex in Gujarat have been received. Final decision on these applications will be taken in due course after a number of issues relating to availability of feedstock, tie up of resources etc., are resolved Details of such applications are not disclosed till a final decision is taken on them.

Electrification of tribal areas of Madhya Padesh

327. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes relating to the electrification of remote tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh are pending with the Rural Electrification Corporation, if so, since when;

(b) what progress has been made in implementation of the schemes, which were sanctioned by the Rural Electrification Corporation and now being implemented in these tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh by the State Electricity Board;

(c) how many villages in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh are yet to be electrified and how does that compare with the number of villages electrified in the non-tribal areas of the State; and

(d) what steps are being taken to reduce the disparity mentioned in part (c) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A list of rural electrification schemes pertaining to Tribal Districts received by the Rural electrification Corporation upto 28.2.1987 from Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board, which are yet to be sanctioned, is enclosed in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) The Rural Electrification Corporation has sanctioned 298 schemes in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh upto March, 1987, envisaging electrification of 16,003 tribal villages. Out of these, 9694 villages are reported to have been electrified upto the end of February, 1987.

(c) Out of a total of 26,825 tribal villages in the State of Madhya Pradesh, 13,255 villages remain to be electrified as on 28.2.1987. In the non-tribal areas of the State; out of a total of 44,058 villages, 10,866 villages are yet to be electrified as on the same date.

(d) In order to accelerate the pace of village electrification in the tribal areas, a special central assistance is provided under the Revised Minimum Needs Programme. All the tribal areas are covered under the specially sponsored Central Schemes under Integrated Tribal Development Projects. The Rural Electrification Corporation is providing financial assistance to the State Electricity Boards at liberal terms for electrification of tribal areas.